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Secretary's Report.

FOREIGN WORK.

In reviewing the interests of our work abroad, the event which first claims attention is the loss which our Board has suffered in the removal from earth, April 17, 1878, of Miss Priscilla Nicholson. But little more than a year was she permitted to prosecute the work she had chosen in Erzroom, Eastern Turkey; but the circumstances which surrounded her, the distress and utter need of the people, from war, pestilence and famine, the strain upon hand and heart and brain, would seem to have lengthened these months into years of ordinary living. In the words of Dr. Clark, she has left "an example of the loftiest self-denial and Christian heroism worthy of the best days of the church." Her latest messages to us may well be pondered; they may yet lead some to follow in her footsteps. "It is very sweet dying," she said, "and yet I hope many of the girls from the West will come out here for missionary work. Tell them there is a great deal to be done here; many workers are needed, but there are only a few. I hope the West will supply very many—especially Nebraska." The workers fail, but the great

work moves on, and re-enforcements are provided to fill the places of those who have fallen. Miss Mary F. Bliss, of Galesburg, Ill., has consecrated herself to this difficult work, and is now on her way to Erzroom with Miss Van Duzee, whose associate she will be. Miss Bliss has been adopted by Galesburg. Another, Miss Ella J. Newton, accompanies Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell to Foochow, China, and is the chosen missionary of the Society at Oberlin, Ohio. Miss Myra Calhoun, at Fort Berthold, Dakota, has also been added to our number, making three new missionaries sent out by our Board during the year.

The great calamities which, during the past year, have thrown their shadow upon the principal Missions of the American Board are, we believe, unprecedented in any former year, considered both in their severity and wide extent. Among these are to be reckoned the horrors of war, in greater or less measure, in all our stations in the Ottoman Empire, with attendant famine and pestilence, these last prevailing to a fearful degree also in India and Ceylon; and last and most terrible, the famine and fever of China. But in the midst of these appalling scenes the servants of God have found in Him "a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall." They can indeed, in the words of the Psalmist, "say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works! Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee." The faith of our missionaries, as we learn from their abundant testimony, has not been tried by long waiting for a sight of His purposes; but, in the very day of terrible visitation, He has assured them by His providence that all these things are working together for good, not only to those who love Him, but also for the advancement of His kingdom in the whole

earth. Uplifted into this calm, bright region of promise and fulfillment, the records before us of missionary service and toil will be touched by this hallowed light, and we may catch some faint impressions of the majestic progress of His kingdom.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

The reports from the two stations where we have missionaries are full of encouragement. At Fort Berthold, far to the north, in the land of the Dakotas, Miss Myra Calhoun is engaging in a work that, from her letters, must be very dear to her—that of telling the Gospel story to Indian children gathering into the schools. Such is the mixture of tribes here, that, in order to reach all, it is necessary to learn three distinct languages or dialects. But the task is undertaken with such faith and enthusiasm that success must follow. The other station, which, for six years has so often engaged our interest, Fort Sully, seems now to have a peculiar claim upon our sympathy and care. Planted by a son of the veteran missionary, Riggs, it has taken root and flourished in spite of many adverse circumstances. Youthful zeal and energy have here been expended without stint. Devoted hearts have freely given themselves to the lowly work of teaching these degraded people, dwelling among them, and sympathizing in their sorrows, for joys they have few. But one after another, these faithful workers have been called away; Miss Bishop, in 1875; Miss Whipple, in 1877; and within a few weeks, Mrs. Riggs, the beloved wife and mother, the center and inspiration of the home. "Never," writes Miss Collins, in the first hours of her sorrow, "never was the work more promising. I cannot tell what is before me. I now intend to go to the meeting of the American Board at Milwaukee, and try to lift up

my voice for this poor Dakota people. The women feel that they are sorely tried. They loved the dear ones who have so early left them, and they say, 'Soon you will go, too, Winona.' The work of the last year in these Indian huts and wigwams is one which statistics can very imperfectly represent. The slow awakening of dull minds, the kindling of indifferent or despairing hearts to the glow of Christian love—these are results to be attained only by personal contact with hearts warm with Christ's love for souls. Now, since those to whom this work was so dear, have passed from the earthly to the heavenly service, may we not claim for those who in sadness and discouragement are taking up *their duties*, the promise: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy"? With especial satisfaction we announce the return of Miss Collins to her work, accompanied by Miss Irvine, of Detroit; and a *home* is awaiting them also, for a younger brother of Mr. Thomas Riggs has recently taken his bride to that home among the Indians, by the banks of the turbulent Missouri.

JAPAN.

The reports which are received from this island kingdom are still unlike all other reports of missionary effort. It is the ideal field of the missionary; and one potent cause of the immediate reception of Christianity by this people, is doubtless to be found in the position of woman in Japan. She is not here, as is so generally the case in heathen lands, held in ignorant and joyless seclusion, but in many respects is the companion and equal of man. Hence, when the light of Christian truth breaks in upon the darkness, the husband and wife together welcome its rays, and together walk in its light. In a tour, made some six months since through the interior of Japan, by three of our missionaries, Mr. Atkinson, Miss Barrows and

Miss Dudley, the ladies had frequent opportunities of addressing women who had never before seen a foreigner; and this, at the earnest request of Japanese officials, many of them in high positions. They were often entreated to teach these women how to *train children*, saying they did not know how to care for them. Every such opportunity was improved with eagerness, and as the result of the experience, Miss Dudley formed the plan of writing a book of advice for Japanese mothers, her five years of study having given her ample ability for such a service, and it has been our privilege to send her carefully-selected volumes upon this subject to aid her in this difficult but delightful task. The Bible question-book which she prepared last year is in constant use, not only by our missionaries, but by those of other denominations. The Home at Kobe—our Home—is grandly fulfilling its design. The new school-building was finished in January, and more than half paid for with Japanese money. Miss Barrows has given to it her time and strength, keeping the house and “mothering the children,” as she says, thus permitting Miss Dudley to engage in visiting the women at their homes and in the villages around. A late letter from Miss Dudley talks of a plan for establishing a school for girls at Akashi, a village twelve miles from Kobe, which was visited once a month last year.

The latest word of the letter was the cheering news which had been brought in (by a student returning from a preaching tour), of a band of twenty-five Christians, many of them women, at Okayama, a city ninety miles away. The letter closes thus: “I have so much to be glad and thankful for. I think over and over, ‘Why has God given me such blessings?’” Miss Barrows, in a letter received a few weeks since, speaking of the conversion to Christianity of such numbers of this people, says:

"Looked at from the manward side, the work is surprising; from the Godward side, it is only what we ought to expect."

Miss Parmelee, at Kioto, who has been in Japan but a year, is already engaged in teaching, even while studying the language.

CHINA—PEKING.

The Bridgman School reports satisfactory progress during the year. Miss Chapin speaks of the diligence and faithfulness of her twenty girls, the full number that can now be received. She says; "In this time of distress, were our accommodations more ample, we should undoubtedly be able to fill them, and with a better class of pupils than we can usually reach." Six of the girls have been baptized during the year, and another was only deterred by the opposition of her family. The school matron has also been baptized—an event which fills the hearts of the teachers with thankfulness, as she is a woman of great strength of character, whose influence must be felt by the school. Twelve of the twenty girls are now the professed followers of Christ. Miss Diamant has continued in the school, sharing Miss Chapin's cares and duties, and will remain until Miss Porter's return. For these good tidings of our work in Peking, our hearts are filled with thankfulness. But the year has witnessed sad, dark scenes in North China—sadder and darker than may be revealed to you to-day. Cruel famine has taken possession of these extended provinces, and slow and torturing death by starvation has carried away, not thousands, but millions! and close in the footsteps of the famine has followed pestilence, sparing no rank or condition. The burdens thrown upon our missionaries by the distressed state of the country have been excessive; but they have been enabled to support them, and believe that Christianity

will gain favor with the people by the fearful experiences through which they have passed; for it is by the missionaries themselves that relief has been carried to the famine-stricken natives; and henceforth the name of "Christian" will have a different meaning to them.

At Toong Chow, the interest in religious truth has been more earnest and general than ever before. The training-school for young men and the school for boys have both felt its influence, and new opportunities have been granted of reaching the women in the village. A day school for girls has been opened in the city during the year, and one welcome result of the wide-spread distress is that by it the Christians have been drawn into closer fellowship and sympathy.

AFRICA.

The boys' school at Amanzimtote, in which Miss Day has been so faithful a teacher, has been carried on much as usual during the year. She says: "All seem disposed to do well, and I enjoy teaching very much. There's nothing I enjoy quite as well. I sometimes feel the need of rest; but I tire of resting much sooner than of teaching." Then follows the record of her daily duties, the routine of the classroom being varied only by giving singing lessons to her Zulu boys, or patiently instructing them in that accomplishment which, to the average boy, is, of all others, most difficult—good table manners. Satisfactory progress seems to have been made in study; but Miss Day laments the absence of especial religious interest. However, the tone of her letter reveals the devoted teacher, and the answer to her earnest prayers may be nearer than she thinks.

The home at Umzumbe, in the same Mission, continues its good work under the care of Miss Pinkerton. This school for girls, more than any other school under our

care, deals with the crudest heathenism. Before entering, the candidates must be washed and clothed; for they come from the heathen kraals. But under patient, loving training, the oft-repeated precept and the constant Christlike example work a change upon which angels must love to look down. The school numbers twenty boarders and as many day-scholars. A missionary writes: "Soon these girls will be scattered to their homes, north, south, east and west, and they will go preaching in more ways than one. Mothers will rejoice, and brothers will put their hands to their mouths in mute astonishment, at the improvement, the happy looks, cleanly ways, the quiet intelligence and obedience of these sisters."

TURKISH MISSIONS—EUROPEAN TURKEY.

The return of Miss Maltbie to Samokov, in the early summer, was a joyful event to all the Mission. She was greeted on entering the city by a procession of twenty-seven of the pupils, with their native teachers, for the school had been re-opened and conducted by Mrs. Clarke.

The numbers now flocking to the institution are larger than ever. Miss Maltbie is strengthened by the presence of an associate, Miss Stone, of Boston, who seems unusually well fitted by a varied experience for missionary life. The native teachers, purified as by fire, return with added zeal to their duties in the boarding-school and the adjacent villages, where their unselfish efforts for their countrywomen are appreciated as never before. Of the Bulgarian girls in the seminary, one writes: "While these pupils have been losing in their school studies, they have found an education for life's work which may be to them and others far more valuable."

Let us not forget to bless God for these boarding-schools and seminaries, founded and conducted on the

Mt. Holyoke plan, and many of them under the guidance of Holyoke graduates. Is not the work wrought within their humble walks for the salvation of the nations *more effective and more permanent than any other?* A fact of interest in this connection is the contribution made last year to the foreign missionary service by Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary of eight of its graduates, five of whom are established in independent educational work in South Africa.

WESTERN TURKEY.

In regard to the Constantinople Home, Rev. Mr. Barrows, of that city, writes, under date of July 17: "The examinations closed last Thursday. They were in all respects most satisfactory, reflecting credit both upon the ladies who have the care of the institution and the pupils gathered into it. The school is one of the noblest institutions in any land." We may claim a share of these words of approval for the faithful work of our dear Miss Patrick, who, during all the disturbances connected with the war, has remained at her post. It is a noteworthy fact, that, while other schools in Constantinople have suffered from the effects of the war, this has gained in reputation and influence, and in the number of its pupils. Is there not significance in the fact that, from its beautiful location on the heights of Scutari, it looks down upon the seraglio of the Sultan? Miss Parsons, in the Bardesag school, has prosecuted her work without interruption. She writes in a recent letter: "The past year has been a very pleasant and prosperous one outwardly; but we have longed to see an earnest spirit of consecration to Christ among the girls, especially among the graduates. We cannot say that they are not Christians; but where is that love that constraineth, the earnest desire to do something for their dear Savior? Perhaps we expect too

much." The average number of pupils has been seventy, twenty-six of them boarders. The eight graduates are to be employed in the villages as teachers, and some are already at work. Of the impression made by this class which has been especially under Miss Parsons' charge, a gentleman, who was present, thus writes: "The class of eight appeared well in all respects. Only one who had seen them in the early days of their course could appreciate what a transformation has taken place. They were then little scrawny children, most of them. Like all village girls, they had suffered from the hardest service, and had no training. Now, simply and prettily dressed in garments *made by themselves*, with intelligent faces and pleasing manners, they were my ideal of the educated Armenian girl demanded by the times." From the Bible-readers and schools grouped around Cesarea, like satellites around their primary, we have full reports. In some villages it has been expedient to suspend work for a time on account of the war difficulties; but these instances are rare, and the impression left is of faithful, persevering self-denying service on the part of these native Bible-readers and teachers, such as may well fill our hearts with thanksgiving.

The boarding-school at Manisa, the ancient Magnesia, is growing into more vigorous life. Its examination exercises, attended by over two hundred guests, are portrayed with graphic pen in the November *Life and Light*. The lessons, recitations and songs were given in three languages. Miss Powers writes: "I wish you could have seen the twelve infants as they stood in a semicircle to repeat each a verse of 'Over in the Meadow'—one of those delicious little pieces in Whittier's 'Child Life.' It was very pleasant and flattering to have the Pasha's attention for about three hours; but what to some of

us seemed even more complimentary, was the arrival, soon after the Pasha, of two ladies, the last representatives of the Kara Osman Ogloo family, formerly rich and powerful feudal chiefs." An occasion like this will, doubtless, accomplish the purpose intended, of interesting the community in general in the work of this institution, ordinarily so hidden from public observation. As might be inferred, the progress of the school has been regular and satisfactory, and its light and warmth have reached to many villages around it.

CENTRAL TURKEY.

The seminary at Aintab, the Arabic for "Beautiful Fountain," has steadily poured forth its waters for healing and cleansing, as is testified by many a green spot in the wilderness around reclaimed from barrenness and made to yield sweetest fruit. Miss Hollister has devoted a large portion of her time to the much-needed work of translating, though still giving three hours each day to the seminary classes. She writes, with a glad and thankful heart, that she has lost scarcely a day from illness during the school year, although prostrated both this summer and last by severe attacks of fever. She reports favorably of the progress of the school, while hoping for a manifestation of stronger spiritual life. The same desire breathes in Miss Shattuck's letters, as in her tours she meets some who have grown cold.

The work of touring through a wide region around Aintab is to be continued during the coming year by both Miss Shattuck and Miss Proctor. This kind of effort, although involving great fatigue and some times dangerous exposure, is one which our wise, experienced missionaries highly value. It is the old apostolic work of "confirming the churches." We are to remember that cities

like Aintab, Harpoot and Marash, where the Gospel has long been preached, are each surrounded by a multitude of towns and villages which depend upon them for spiritual guidance and quickening. By the teachers, Bible-readers and patriotic men in these little communities, a visit from Miss Proctor or Mrs. Coffing gives strength and wisdom and impulse for many a month of toil.

At Marash, a novel auxiliary in missionary effort has been attempted, and with striking success. We refer to a Young Men's Christian Association. The plan originated in Mrs. Coffing's fertile brain while in this country, and she returned to Marash with \$300 contributed for its accomplishment.

As Mrs. Coffing writes, the need for such an enterprise in Marash was threefold. First, a quiet, suitable place for the young men to gather for Bible study, or reading and conversation, away from the noise and confusion of their overcrowded homes, where, frequently, several families occupy one apartment. Second, an opportunity for systematic Christian activity—for the venerable fathers of the Marash churches are somewhat jealous of committing their weighty responsibilities to younger hands; and third, an organized social life among the young Christians of both sexes. The building is erected, and one of the rooms furnished and already occupied. The organization of a similar Association for young women has naturally followed, and promises well. The school work in Marash has proceeded as usual. Mrs. Coffing writes: "In the ten schools, we have had 425 scholars, and the daily lessons have been 110, of which 13 have been Bible lessons. Our eleven native teachers have been unusually faithful and earnest, and have done an extraordinary amount of work outside of their schools." The influence of our

youthful missionary, Miss Spencer, standing at Mrs. Coffing's side, is felt in the prosecution of all these varied undertakings in the city, as well as in the manifold and laborious charge of the native helpers in the surrounding villages.

INDIA.

In the Madura Mission, the famine was followed by floods which swept away many homes; and after these floods came locusts which devoured much of the growing grain. But the efforts of the Government and of Christian people to relieve suffering and save the lives of the people during the famine, have turned the hearts of many toward the missionaries. The heathen see clearly the nature and fruits of Christianity; for not a Brahmin from one end of India to the other has stretched out his hand to relieve the distress of the poor, while the missionaries have worked unceasingly in relief camps and in the distribution of private bounty. Large additions have been made to many of the churches, and still larger numbers have renounced heathenism and put themselves under Christian instruction. In the Mandapasalai Station, where our Miss Taylor labors, a great thanksgiving meeting was held after the famine was over. The Christians from all the villages met, and in the midst of their deep poverty did not forget the Christian obligation to praise the Lord with their substance. One after another rose and pledged money for the support of the churches and schools. Nine of the churches of that station were swept away by the flood, leaving the congregations without a place of worship. The schools under Miss Taylor's care have been prospered in spite of the hard times. The girl's boarding school now numbers thirty pupils, where, a few years since, it was difficult to secure half that number.

CEYLON.

In the fair island of Ceylon, at the station of Panditeripo in Jaffna, our Miss Hillis is working as she has been for nearly four years, alone; that is, with no missionary associate, although she has tried and faithful helpers who love her and are loved by her.

There, in the home consecrated years ago by the residence of the Winslows, Scudders and Spaldings, she is living and laboring for Christ. Her own school of fourteen girls, eight schools in the outstations, an English school for boys, for which a beautiful bungalow has just been completed; all these look to her for guidance and direction, and the first and last for daily instruction. During the months of February and March, cholera prevailed in that station, the schools were broken up, and all the regular habits of life laid aside. Then Miss Hillis found her work in caring for her suffering pupils and the native Christians and their friends.

Only one physician was furnished by Government for all the station. He was put in charge of three hospitals, and consequently was obliged to refuse calls from natives, sick in their homes. "So," Miss Hillis writes, "I have not dared to refuse calls when I have had strength to go. My knowledge of medicine would not justify me in treating critical cases alone, if it were possible to get a doctor; but the disease requires prompt and vigorous treatment, and though we send medicines, they will not venture to give it. Their statement of symptoms can seldom or never be trusted, and they have no idea of applying friction, heating the body, etc.

The strain is severe; the houses are low and so dark that I sometimes have to call for a light to see the face of the patient, who is usually on the ground; but though I

am often weary and sometimes feel altogether certain that I myself am cholera-stricken, I am well and would not have you think that I am troubled or care-worn. I cannot but suffer with the people; but just as we may leave our own cares and sorrows in the hands of our Father, so we may commend the wailing, suffering world into the hands of its faithful Creator, and be at rest."

HOME WORK.

We have not, perhaps, as much to report in this department as in former years. The withdrawal of Miss Pollock from the service of the Board, immediately after the Davenport meeting, has been felt through all the year. Acquaintance with the work and success in it, must be the result of years of experience. But we record with thankfulness the provision made for this vacancy, which we knew not how to fill. Two of our own beloved missionaries—for a brief period Miss Van Duzee, and, later, Miss Ashley—have, to some extent, taken Miss Pollock's place in our missionary-room, and by their close sympathy with the work, and intimate knowledge of its relations abroad, have aided greatly in carrying it forward with regularity and success. Such experience may bring comfort to those of our missionaries who are suffering keen disappointment from the necessity of relinquishing their work abroad. The same great cause needs helpers here, and service in a foreign field is an admirable preparation. Witness the work done by Miss Van Duzee during her twelve months of *rest* in this country. She addressed one hundred meetings in seven of our Northern States, from Ohio to Minnesota, her audiences varying from twenty or thirty to several hundreds. The question may occur whether this is really the surest and most rapid way of recovering exhausted strength; but she has

done it, and has returned with glad heart to her work. May God be with her, and richly repay her for all these labors of love. We would also gratefully acknowledge similar assistance from Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Seymour, Miss Porter and Miss Townshend. Without this help we should have suffered loss.

In connection with these efforts of missionary ladies, it should be mentioned that more than five hundred manuscript copies of missionary letters have been put in circulation from our room, involving very much labor even with the aid of the "manifold-paper." The amount of matter printed during the year has been unusually small, comprising only our "Annual Report" and two circulars, the longer one prepared by our President, and the shorter an appeal in behalf of the Treasury.

"LIFE AND LIGHT."

Our magazine has now about 12,500 readers. 3,000 of these in our department. Miss Dyer, the Boston Secretary for *Life and Light*, is very desirous to increase this number to 20,000 by January 1, 1880. What can we do to secure this result? As a practical answer, we would say "Take the last number, that for November, 1878, and devote to it an hour—that will suffice to read all that is contained between those little blue-paper covers, and every word is *well worth reading*. Have by you, if you are not very fresh in geography, a good atlas, and, when the hour is ended, ask yourself where you could find in the same compass an equal amount of varied, fresh, entertaining intellectual and spiritual food? Please notice these adjectives; they are selected with care. A lady of our acquaintance, after reading this very number, announced her intention of sending it to every lady in her church who was not already a subscriber, with a personal request that

she should read it with care, and, if she thought best, subscribe.

Our ladies do not know its value, or they would secure it at any cost.

BRANCHES.

The aid rendered to our Board during the year by its nine State Branches we would thankfully recognize. We believe these organizations are destined to expand and to become indispensable in the prosecution of our work. A remark made, recently, in a communication from our valued Secretary, Miss Greene, finds its appropriate place here. She writes: "I think, in our plans for the future, more responsibility must be thrown on the State Branches, perhaps by assigning to them as *Branches* certain missionaries, schools, native teachers and Bible-readers, and other work which the officers of the Branches shall distribute among the Auxiliaries. This is done, to a certain extent, in Michigan and Ohio; and I think we are now where we can better attend to such systematic subdivision of our work than heretofore."

AUXILIARIES.

The number of our auxiliaries, including the juvenile societies, is now six hundred and twenty-one, ninety-eight having been formed during the last year. From many of these no report has been received for a long time; but it is our hope that the fire of missionary zeal is not extinguished in their hearts, and it is the aim of your Secretaries to bestow more time and effort than heretofore upon our feeble auxiliaries, to quicken them, if it may be, into more vigorous life.

WORK AMONG THE CHILDREN.

The subject which increasingly occupies the thoughtful consideration of your Executive Committee is the

training of the children into missionary workers. Our one hundred and twenty-three mission bands testify that conscientious thought upon this theme has already resulted in action; but we are convinced that this department of our home work should, from this time forward, be more strongly emphasized. Efforts have been made at our room, and will be continued, to assist all who wish for aid or suggestions of any kind in forming societies among the children, and making them attractive and delightful schools for missionary education.

The Treasurer's report, which has just been submitted, has its lessons for each one of us, which we trust may be learned with all docility. Lessons in the "faith and patience" and self-denial "of the saints." For the contributions unexpected in their amount which have increased our income within a month from \$13,000 to \$18,453, we would render especial thanks to God, and go forward in faith to the labors of another year. As this report is the last that is to bear the signature of our present Treasurer, it is appropriate that the Board record its heartfelt appreciation of the eight years of faithful service she has rendered in this department. While we deeply regret this change and its necessity, we congratulate ourselves that she will still be present with us, to aid by her counsel and experience in the work with which she has so long been identified.

We meet here to-day to look back not only over one year of the history of our Board, but over all its years. It belongs to another to gather up the threads connecting us with the past, and weave them into a web that shall delight our eyes. But it is most natural, in presenting the Tenth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of the Interior, to recognize the fact that we are passing an important epoch in our life as a society, one to which we

shall often refer. And it may well strengthen our faith and inspire our courage to look backward along the way our Father has led us, for is it not a steady advance? Not always a regular increase in the amount of money which finds its way to our treasury, for circumstances in our history may well account for fluctuations here. The separation from us of our Presbyterian auxiliaries early in our history, the five years of "hard times," and the withdrawal of the assistance of the Pacific Board, which, for a year or two, added its gifts to our treasury—these events explain the variations. But there *has* been a steady advance. It is in the number of Christian women whose hearts are linked in a chain of "knitted purpose" to work, while life shall last, in this high service. We must renounce fear and anxious forebodings when we see the ranks so full.

Noble army of helpers! for that is your name in the good old Saxon, we greet you to-day with full hearts. We have seen you grow from companies to regiments, from regiments to divisions, and now you have become a great army. We remember how at the beginning the enlistment of each new auxiliary was welcomed; how strong we felt even with numbers so small. You are a *tried* army; faithfully have you heeded the messages from headquarters. How watchful have been the sentinels! how brave those who have manned the outposts! how few stragglers! and *are* there deserters? And to-day the leaders you have chosen come before you and ask you to organize yourselves, not into a "*standing* army," which is too suggestive of repose, but into a constantly advancing, aggressive host, pledged to hand down the "weapons of your warfare" which are "not carnal" to a younger, stronger, more enthusiastic army, drilled and trained by yourselves. Will you do it? The next ten years will testify.

Treasurer's Report, 1878.

Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, in account with the Treasurer, for the year ending Oct. 15, 1878.

from Colorado.....	\$	62	70
" Dakota		99	25
" Illinois		5,914	24
" Indiana		259	20
" Iowa.....		2,163	86
" Kansas.....		74	34
" Michigan		3,173	00
" Minnesota		816	08
" Missouri.....		344	33
" Nebraska		45	00
" Ohio		3,492	56
" Wisconsin.....		1,673	49
" Wyoming.....		22	00
" the sale of Envelopes and Pamphlets.....		68	82
" Miscellaneous sources		244	89
		<u>\$18,453</u>	<u>76</u>
In the Treasury at last report.....		661	47
		<u>\$19,105</u>	<u>23</u>
Paid for services at the office.....	\$	902	71
" " Missionary service		253	00
" " Printing Annual Reports, Circulars, Leaflets, Certificates and Blanks		194	43
" " Postage, Stationery and other Office expenses.....		159	89
" " Room Rent.....		300	00
" " Traveling expenses of Delegates to Missionary Meetings		25	55
" Mrs. Walker for care of Missionary children.....		24	70
" for Armenia College.....		1,316	05
" L. S. Ward, Treasurer of A. B. F. M.....		15,906	76
Remaining in Treasury.....		22	14
		<u>\$19,105</u>	<u>23</u>

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of Mrs. Francis Bradley, Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, for the year ending October 15, 1878, and find them correct, with vouchers for each expenditure; and that there is in her hands a balance of twenty-two dollars and fourteen cents (\$22.14).

(Signed)

GEORGE S. F. SAVAGE, Auditor.

CHICAGO, Ill., November 4, 1878.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior was held at Kalamazoo, Mich., November 6 and 7, 1878.

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

President.

Mrs. Moses Smith, Jackson, Mich.

Vice Presidents.

Mrs. S. J. Humphrey, Oak Park, Ill.

Mrs. M. L. Kassick, Jackson, Mich.

Mrs. Zachary Eddy, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Lyman Baird, Chicago, Ill.

Secretaries.

Mrs. J. B. Leake, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Mary E. Greene, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Harriet S. Ashley, Chicago.

Managers.

Mrs. C. H. Case, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. J. F. Temple, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. E. S. Chesbrough, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. J. C. Newcomb, Chicago, Ill.

Delegates.

ILLINOIS.

Aurora—Mrs. K. A. Burnell.

Mrs. H. O. Paddock,

Mrs. A. A. Prentiss.

Chicago—Mrs. H. H. Byington.

Mrs. Arthur Little.

Mrs. W. Lull.

Mrs. S. F. Orton.

Mrs. Oella B. Schuyler.

Lyonsville—Mrs. J. C. Armstrong.

Maywood—Mrs. C. C. Thayer.

Waukegan Grove—Mrs. H. B. Goodrich.

INDIANA.

Michigan City—Mrs. W. G. Peck.

Grand Rapids—Mrs. S. L. Withey.

Greenville—Miss S. A. Patton.

Hudson—Mrs. J. K. Boies.

Mrs. T. G. Colton.

Jackson—Mrs. M. A. McNaughton.

Kalamazoo—Mrs. H. B. Briggs.

Miss H. A. J. Seeley.

Marshall—Miss Grant.

Morenci—Mrs. L. A. Van Antwerp.

Olivet—Miss Ella C. Dean.

Mrs. H. L. Porter.

Romeo—Miss T. S. Clark.

Sandstone—Mrs. F. A. Avery.

IOWA.

Green Mountain—Mrs. H. L. Chase.

MICHIGAN.

Alamo—Mrs. L. E. Bush.*Allegan*—Mrs. A. W. Sherwood.*Cooper*—Miss Mary A. Walker.*Covert*—Miss Eva H. Bell.*Detroit*—Mrs. C. S. Cushing.*Galesburg*—Mrs. A. H. Proctor.

Mrs. L. Qua.

South Haven—Mrs. C. Hastings.

Mrs. M. F. Smith.

Sturgis—Mrs. A. Hall.*Union City*—Mrs. Gertrude Elchurch.*Vermontville*—Mrs. B. W. Griswold.*Vicksburg*—Mrs. E. C. Andrus.*White Pigeon*—Mrs. S. C. Ferguson.

OHIO.

Oberlin—Mrs. G. W. Shuttleff.*Sandusky*—Mrs. J. L. Moore.

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Miss Sarah Pollock, *India*.Miss Mary H. Porter, *China*.Mrs. C. C. Thayer, *Turkey*.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BOARDS.

Baptist Board.

Mrs. Dr. Brooks, Kalamazoo.

Presbyterian Board.

Miss Jeannette Fisher, Kalamazoo.

Mrs. P. E. Schriber, Sturgis, Mich.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The meeting was opened by singing

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

The President, Mrs. Moses Smith, before reading the Scripture lesson, said : "As we come together to lay down the burdens of one year, only to take up the burdens of another, it becomes us to seek wisdom at the feet of the Master." Then, turning to the Savior's own words, she read part of his prayer, found in the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John, and closed with the words uttered before His ascension: "He breathed on them and said unto them, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost.'"

After a moment of silent petition for the presence of the Holy Spirit, the meeting was led in prayer by Miss Pollock.

Mrs. Briggs, of Kalamazoo, gave the Board a cordial welcome in the name of the Master.

Mrs. Brooks, of Kalamazoo, presented the salutations of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, and Miss Fisher, also of Kalamazoo, made an address in behalf of the Presbyterian Board of the Northwest, referring to their close connection with the W. B. M. I., and giving some statistics of their own work.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Davenport, Iowa, in November, 1877, were read by Miss Ashley, and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Miss Greene, Assistant Treasurer, and was referred to a committee appointed by the Chair, as follows: Mrs. C. H. Case, of Illinois; Mrs. Z. Eddy, of Michigan; Mrs. Peck, of Indiana; Miss Pollock, of Wisconsin; Mrs. Fairfield, of Michigan.

The Secretary's Report, in the absence of Mrs. Blatchford, was read by Mrs. Leake, and referred to the following committee, appointed by the President: Mrs. H. L. Chase, of Iowa; Mrs. Prof. D'Ooge, of Michigan; Mrs. Prof. Shurtleff, of Ohio; Mrs. Brown, of Indiana; Mrs. Paddock, of Illinois.

The devotional meeting, which closed the morning session, was led by Mrs. Schuyler, of Chicago. Reading the eighth chapter of Romans, Mrs. Schuyler spoke of it as the record of the missionary hero, Paul, whose life, though full of suffering, trial and temptations, was gloriously triumphant through the abiding presence of the Lord whom he served. One of the leading thoughts presented was thanksgiving for the privilege of being co-workers with Christ and co-heirs with Him to His inheritance of suffering as well as of eternal joy.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

After the opening hymn

"Nearer my God to Thee,"

prayer was offered by Mrs. Case, of Chicago.

The enrolling of delegates was followed by reports of the State Secretaries, of which abstracts will be found at the end of this report.

A discussion of the subject of Ladies' Meetings in connection with Associations; their value, methods of conducting, etc., was opened by Mrs. Eddy, of Detroit, who testified to the great value of such meetings. In her Conference, the ladies pledge themselves to give a certain amount, and feel bound to pay it, the same as any other debt.

Mrs. Magoun, of Iowa, said that their State was divided into twelve minor Associations, the churches on one railroad forming themselves into one body. The ladies promise to attend the meetings, and they go in spite of obstacles which, to less earnest-hearted women, would seem insurmountable.

Mrs. Chase, of Green Mountain, Iowa, spoke of the great blessings which the Association meetings brought to all who attended them. Ladies at first indifferent have become so deeply interested as to stay an hour after the close of the meeting to ask questions about the work.

Mrs. Kassick, of Michigan, expressed her opinion that one enthusiastic missionary meeting each year, held by the ladies independently, would be more effective than meetings held in connection with Conference.

In reply to inquiries from Mrs. Smith, Miss Fisher, of the Presbyterian Board stated that in their Society, meetings are held annually, in connection with Presbytery. The Secretary of each Society reports to the Presbyterial Secretary, and she to the Synodical Secretary, who reports to the Board.

Mrs. Paddock, of Aurora, Ill., told of the failure of the first attempt in her district to hold a ladies' missionary meeting in connection with the Conference; but the

following year, they had a full and inspiring meeting and formed four new Auxiliaries. They design to organize an Auxiliary in every church.

After the close of this discussion, the following committee on place of meeting was appointed by the Chair: Mrs. Temple, of Chicago; Mrs. Chase, of Iowa; Mrs. Prentiss, of Illinois; Mrs. Chesbrough, of Chicago; Mrs. Angell, of Michigan.

Mrs. Baird, of Chicago, called attention to articles of bead-work, made by the members of an Auxiliary among the Indian women of Sisseton Agency. These articles which were sent to be disposed of for the benefit of the Board, were sold before the close of the meetings.

After uniting in singing

"The Morning light is breaking,"

the audience listened to a deeply-interesting address by Miss Porter, of China.

Beginning with the work of Nestorian monks, more than a thousand years ago, Miss Porter noted the failure of all attempts to christianize the Chinese until the women were directly labored for. After paying an appreciative tribute to the devoted, self-sacrificing labors of the missionaries' wives, she remarked that it was a great step when the sisters, who are not wives began to go out, to devote their whole time to work among the women and children. Theirs is a difficult work. The people are suspicious of them, because they are unmarried. The best among the Chinese shrink from them most, because they are unwilling to have their daughters learn such unwomanly customs and ideas. The people are not anxious to hear what they have to say, and often their words seem to be thrown back as from a dead wall. In the face of such obstacles, how can they reach those people? They must have an unflinching love for them;

the charity that believes and hopes all things and is not revolted by contact with vileness and degradation. In spite of everything, they must show that they love those women and children. They must give themselves to them—"the gift without the giver is bare." When the children first come to school, their parents usually have pride enough to provide them with a decent outside garment; but underneath are rags, filth and vermin. The Chinese are not more untidy than others would be in the same circumstances, but they are desperately poor.

During the famine, scores of hundreds of families were kept alive by benefactions distributed by missionaries; and now the people give them a warm welcome and are ready to listen to the story of Christ's love, for they know that they who have saved them from death are Christian people. Heathen temples are being stripped of their idols and over the entrance "Jesus Hall" or "Jesus Chapel" is written. The door is open. Thousands of women wait for the coming of their sisters to teach them the way of life. Is there not one woman ready to go? It is a blessed service; who will enter into it?

A prayer for China, offered by Mrs. Little, of Chicago, closed the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The services were opened by singing

"Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim
Salvation in Immanuel's name."

Mrs. Smith read a lesson from the Psalms. Rev. Mr. Thomas led in prayer, and an original hymn was sung, which had been written for the occasion by Miss H. J. Johnson, of Kalamazoo.

The principal exercise of the evening was the reading of a paper addressed by Miss Hillis, of Ceylon, to the

"Society of Inquiry," of Iowa College. Mrs. Magoun, who read the paper, gave a brief account of the writer and of the way in which she was led into the work to which she has devoted her life.

This truly remarkable paper contained a most fervent, impressive appeal to Christians in this country to educate their consciences in regard to their responsibility concerning foreign missions.

A prayer of consecration, offered by Rev. Dr. Burton, of Kalamazoo, followed the reading of the paper.

After the audience had united in singing

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,"

Mrs. Smith introduced Mr. K. A. Burnell, who has had the privilege of visiting Missions in nearly every quarter of the globe. Mr. Burnell brought salutations from missionaries and native Christians in the different countries he had visited; told of the blessed results of missionary effort, and urged those present to consider the command, "Go ye," as applying to them personally.

The services were closed by a benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of Chicago.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The opening hymn

"Come at the morning hour,"

was followed by the reading of part of the fourth chapter of John, by Mrs. Smith, who dwelt for a moment on the passage, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me." The meeting was then led in prayer by Mrs. Shurtleff, of Ohio.

After the reading of the roll of Delegates, attention was called to a watch and chain, which had been sent by by an invalid lady, to be sold for the benefit of the Board.

Mrs. Leake read letters of greeting from the W. B. M., at Boston, and from the Pacific Board. Letters were also presented from the Methodist Board and from the Vermont and Philadelphia Branches of the W. B. M.

The Committee on the Secretary's Report, through their chairman, Mrs. H. L. Chase, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on the Secretary's Report, while feeling that every page is worthy of earnest and prayerful attention, will refer only to a few of the more salient points.

It opens with a tone of sadness, and as the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the early Church, so may the living and the dying messages of our now glorified missionaries re-echo to the outmost circle within which any Christian heart is found, and the ardent love for their work which was their latest conscious feeling, be multiplied a thousand-fold in the hearts of us who mourn them.

Yet the Report is a cheering one. War, famine and pestilence have been overruled for good, and we are told of Turkish teachers, purified by fire, returning to their work with added zeal; while in other regions the famine-stricken people, grateful for physical relief from missionary hands, are made ready to receive the bread of life which shall save their *souls* from an eternal famine. *They "give thanks with their substance"* for the cessation of the scourge. Shall not we, *in like manner*, give thanks that we have never felt it?

While we behold the spiritual harvests, abundant in quantity and rich in quality, wherever our missionaries have sown the Gospel seed, are we not encouraged to send forth *more* laborers, even though it require self-denial in the future which shall make us ashamed of the past? Hearing of the wonderful filling-up of the treasury during the *last month* of the financial year, we are constrained

to ask, Did Christian women suddenly grow richer, or only more conscientious?

God has answered our prayers, and opened wide the doors in Japan and other countries; but they will not stand continually open awaiting our luxurious convenience in entering. The passage-way left vacant will be crowded full by the hosts of the arch-enemy, and when we are tardily ready to pass through, the battle may be no longer a possible success for us. Consecrated *lives* are freely offered for the conflict. Shall unconsecrated *purses* hold them back? In the army of workers, let us all seek to be Generals, advancing ourselves and leading others on; so shall the next decade give a record even more cheering than the past.

Closing with an earnest reminder of the hint in regard to the increased circulation of *Life and Light*—that priceless treasure to all missionary workers—and also in regard to the importance of so interesting the children that they shall grow up as well-trained soldiers in our army, the Committee very cordially recommend the adoption of the report.

MRS. H. L. CHASE.

MRS. D'OOGÉ.

MRS. SHURTLEFF.

MRS. BROWN.

MRS. PADDOCK.

On recommendation of the Committee of Place of Meeting, the decision was left with the Executive Committee.

The following plea for *Life and Light* was made by Miss Pollock:

"There is no need, at this late day, to argue for the necessity of such a means of communication between the missionaries and the women of the Churches. One of the Madura missionaries once said, 'If Christ, instead of com-

ing eighteen hundred years ago, should come now to do His mediatorial work, He would use the press for the dissemination of His doctrines among the people.' We go further than that and say, 'He *is* using the press, and He has been using it from the time of its invention for the spread of Christianity.' All the Christian denominations use it ; the temperance organizations use it. For the missionary societies to throw it aside and depend upon pen and pencil to keep the missionaries and auxiliaries in sympathy, would be like throwing away our sewing machines and our reapers and taking again the needle and the old-fashioned sickle.

"The only question is, 'How shall we use the press so as to make it most effective?' And this is the best answer we have been able to find: Give our own missionary magazine such a circulation as will put it on a paying basis, and furnish it with the means of self-improvement.

"At the beginning of 1878, the lady who has charge of the publishing department said, 'before the close of this year we *must* secure a circulation of 20,000.' But now, when the work of the year is so nearly done, she says, 'Surely, by the beginning of 1879 we shall be able to reach a circulation of 15,000.' The present circulation does not exceed 12,000. Of that very inadequate number of subscribers, the twelve States and Territories which sustain the W. B. M. I. furnish only 2,400, and of those 500 are delinquent.

"We feel that an important part of the year's programme must be to *push forward* this work of increasing the subscription-list. And it must be done, not only by the election of an officer in each society to take charge of the matter, but by individual effort as well. We must feel the pressure of individual responsibility in this as well as in the matter of giving. The money spent for it

is well expended for the cause. We ask you to 'give' and 'GIVE' for this missionary work, but we do not ask you to take the bread out of your children's mouths nor your own, and this missionary news is the food of missionary interest.

"Think of the cheapness of *Life and Light*—only fifty cents a year besides the postage! You know something of the cost of first-class literature. Horace Greeley, in his article on the Cary sisters, said, that, in 1850, when they came to New York, publishers did not pay but a tithe of what is freely paid at present. 'I remember,' he says, 'seeing Longfellow's grand *Endymion* received at the office of a popular and successful weekly, which paid fifteen dollars for it; a hundred such would now be taken at one hundred and fifty dollars each, and the purchasers would look anxiously about for more.' Fanny Fern is said to have sold her first article for fifty cents. Now Elizabeth Stuart Phelps asks twenty-five dollars for a poem no longer than my finger. Ten or fifteen dollars is a common price for articles in the religious weeklies, while thirty dollars is often paid for contributions in such magazines as Harper's, Scribner's and Lippincott's. It is only the immense circulation of these periodicals which enables the publishers to furnish them to their subscribers at three or four dollars per year.

"To those of us who lead busy lives and have but little time for reading, it is of the highest importance that what we read shall be of the best; and where can we find, in so small a compass, that which will broaden our views and link our thought and interest with the whole wide world as do the missionary magazines? I ask the faithful readers of the *Missionary Herald* and of *Life and Light*—have you not felt your souls stirred within you over the Bulgarian troubles? Did you not feel the most intense interest in

the progress of the war between Russia and Turkey? Were you not questioning continually what effect the final result would have upon the Turkish mission? When war threatened between Russia and England, did you not tremble lest Protestant England should be cut off from communication with her great Indian Empire? Were you not anxious during the Berlin Conference? and however much you might condemn the policy of Lord Beaconsfield, did you not rejoice in the English Protectorate? Have you not felt deeply for famine-stricken India and China? and have you not triumphed in the rapid progress of Japan? Have you not felt that the question, whether the affairs of our own Indian Bureau shall be taken out of the hands of conscientious Christian men and turned over to the War Department is a question of supreme importance? And are you not indebted for *much* of this living interest to this little magazine which you can read in an hour?

“One thing I have learned in the four years of my connection with the *Life and Light*, we must be chary of our criticisms. Friends, it is just like criticising your minister. You can criticise him out of the pulpit and out of the parish; but if you have nobody better to put in his place, you are not much better off!

“Let us, then, each do her part to make sure that we do not come together again at our next annual meeting and say we have only 2,400 subscribers in all our field, and 500 of them are delinquent!”

Mrs. Smith followed with some remarks emphasizing what had been said, and urging the ladies to consider it a duty to make systematic efforts to increase the circulation of *Life and Light*. Then referring to what Miss Pollock had said concerning the folly of throwing aside the machinery of the present day and going back to hand

labor, she spoke of the great need of a copying-press to assist the Secretaries in the Mission-room at Chicago, in the work of copying the numerous letters circulated among the Auxiliaries. This appeal was promptly and generously responded to by a collection amounting to \$33 for the purchase of a papyrograph.

After singing

" Now be the Gospel banner
In every land unfurled,"

the audience listened with rapt attention to a "Ten Years' Review" of the work of the Board, presented by Mrs. S. J. Humphrey, of Illinois.

The devotional exercises which closed the session were led by Mrs. Magoun. The passage, "Sanctify yourselves, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you," furnished the key-note of the meeting.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

This last one of the regular sessions was opened by singing

" Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove ; "

after which Miss Porter led in prayer.

The following report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Report was presented by Mrs. C. H. Case, Chairman of the Committee:

A thoughtful review of this Report shows that the amount received during the year for our specific work is \$17,187.71. There has also passed through our treasury \$1,316 for Armenia College at Harpoot, Turkey. The whole sum is less than what we were to aim for by about \$7,000. To find the cause of this failure is not so pleasant a duty as it would be to congratulate ourselves and thank our Father in Heaven for great things done. It may, however, be profitable to attempt it, followed by your prayers.

Last evening, the key-note of the meeting was, Who will go? and the call and claims of the Master were pressed home. If faith was mixed with the hearing, soon will come the response from one and another, "Here am I; send me." Then all eyes will turn to the treasury. Has the call upon the home guard been heeded, too?

Dr. Alden and Dr. Clark in their reports, at the recent Annual Meeting of the American Board, made prominent the fact in the history of that Board, that the call to one disciple to go, has always been parallel with the call to others to send, making the individual responsibility to "go and disciple all nations," appear in its true light. So the call comes to each one of us.

As we look at the reports of the Treasurer for several years past, we do not find that steady increase in receipts which we might expect as the knowledge of woman's work for woman is spread abroad. We were beautifully told yesterday that the Master is not only building up His kingdom in the world, but He is also educating the builders, and polishing the stones thereof. This is wonderfully true in this work; but it is also true that the visible results of this educating process are to be looked for in enlarged gifts for our treasury. The deeper our sense of the sacrifice Christ made for us, the greater will be our sacrifices for His cause.

Last year the Committee on the Treasurer's Report found good reasons for our failing to realize our expectations. This year, we are deeply, humbly grateful that it is as well with us as it is, especially since in September the amount of receipts was but \$13,000.

We are glad that the appeal for an additional contribution from each auxiliary was promptly responded to by so many. He who sits over against the treasury as of old, has seen the self-denial, has heard the loving heart say,

' This offering, Lord, for Thee. Thy smile of approval is more to me than the comfort or pleasure it might give in dress, or food, or house adornment." But what shall we say of the thing that has not been done? The Committee on the Treasurer's Report last year recommended that we aim for \$25,000, and gave the figures that each State must contribute in order that that amount might be raised. Let us look at these figures for a moment. For Illinois was required an increase of \$1,157 over last year. Illinois has increased her gifts about \$200. For Michigan it called for an increase of \$773; she has given about \$700 less. For Ohio, it said there must be an advance of \$712; her contributions are about \$18 less than those of last year. The gifts from Wisconsin, which should have been \$434 greater, we find to have been \$499 less than those of the previous year. In all the States, with the exception of Illinois, we find a falling behind the amounts given the year before.

Why is this? Is it the result of hard times? What makes the hard times? Has God left the business of the country to blind chance? or is He chastening the church and saying to them, "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." "The silver and gold is mine," "If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, blessed shall be thy basket and thy store;" "but if those wilt not observe to do all His commandments, the Lord shall send upon thee vexation, and rebuke in all that thou settest thine hand unto."

Are times less hard on the Pacific Coast? But word comes from the Woman's Board of the Pacific, that their receipts for the past year have averaged \$1.20 from each woman connected with the Congregational Churches of their field. Let us again look at figures for a moment. There are 14,000 women enrolled in the Congregational

Churches of Ohio, and 8,600 in the Wisconsin churches. If each one had given two cents a week, the receipts from these States alone would have been over \$23,000. The whole number of women connected with the churches of our denomination in our field is 63,500. At the above rate the sum pouring into our treasury would be, exclusive of all larger gifts, \$66,000.

I hear someone respond, every church member cannot give two cents a week. My dear sisters, God's law does not exempt the poor from giving. It was only two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, that Mary must bring when Jesus was circumcised; but they must not be wanting. In the new dispensation, the rule for giving reads: "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him;" implying that much more than two cents a week would be expected from very many.

Our outlook upon the wide-open doors of to-day says that greatly-increased gifts must come into the treasury of the American Board, or some other instrumentality will be chosen to shout "harvest home" upon the fields we have tilled. Such work must grow. Therefore we come to recommend what we heartily believe to be a remedy for a failing treasury. Reiterating the suggestions of last year's report, as to thorough organization, we humbly remind you that the best of machinery must be moved by applied power. There must be a spirit within the wheels. We ask that the concert of prayer for this work, on Sabbath evening, be more generally observed. We suggest also that every sister here covenant with God in her closet, to pray and to labor, that every woman connected with our respective churches may come to feel it a privilege to give at least two cents a week toward this great work of making known a Savior

to heathen women. We recommend most heartily the persistent use of the envelope plan for collections. As we are the guests of the State in which it had its birth, is not this the fit place, and this, our tenth anniversary, a suitable time to return to this simple method, which, vitalized by more of prayer and faith, we believe would change our treasury from an intermittent stream to a never-failing river, having its rise in a perennial spring, and making glad and fruitful the garden of the Lord? And this spring—what is it?

"Savior, Thy dying love
Thou gavest me,
Nor would I aught withhold,
Dear Lord, from Thee."

We recommend the adoption of the Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. CASE.

MRS. FAIRFIELD.

MRS. Z. EDDY.

MISS SARAH POLLOCK.

The reading of this paper was followed by remarks from a number of ladies upon the necessity, duty, and blessedness of systematic giving, according as the Lord hath prospered us, the envelope system being mentioned as a valuable aid in this matter. If we are not ready to give of our substance for this cause, others will do it, for the Lord's work cannot stand still. But those who refuse to share in the work will lose the blessing. If each auxiliary had done its duty, no deficit would have been reported in the treasury. After these remarks, in which Miss Porter, Mrs. Byington, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Schuyler, Miss Pollock and Mrs. Eddy took part, the report was adopted.

The following resolution, prepared by Mrs. Leake, was then read by Miss Greene:

Whereas, The W. B. M. I. has most reluctantly received the resignation of Mrs. Francis Bradley, Treasurer; and,

whereas, she has served this Board eight years, not only with fidelity but with enthusiasm, and has been not merely a treasurer, but abundant in every good word and work, ready to lead our devotions as well as to take charge of our offerings, and often kindling our flagging zeal by her electric words of tongue and pen; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Board, express to Mrs. Bradley our grateful and affectionate sense of her services and sacrifices, which were rendered not only voluntarily, but with a joyful heart.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Arthur Little, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported as follows:

The Nominating Committee respectfully recommend the following names as our list of officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Moses Smith, Jackson, Mich.; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Joseph Haven, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. S. J. Humphrey, Oak Park, Ill.; Mrs. Francis Bradley, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Edson Kellogg, Whitewater, Wis.; Mrs. Heman Ely, Elyria, Ohio; Mrs. Zachary Eddy, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. A. L. Chapin, Beloit, Wis.; Mrs. M. L. Kasick, Jackson, Mich.; Mrs. Lyman Baird, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. G. N. Boardman, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. E. M. Williams, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. S. B. Kellogg, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. P. Goodwin, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. G. F. Magoun, Grinnell, Iowa; Mrs. Asa Farwell, Crete, Neb.

Secretaries: Mrs. E. W. Blatchford, Chicago; Mrs. J. B. Leake, Chicago; Miss Mary E. Greene, Chicago; Miss Harriet S. Ashley, Chicago. Miss Ashley takes the place of Miss Pollock, who feels that she must devote her time and strength to an invalid mother. Grateful for her services in the past, and regretting her necessary relinquishment of this office, we are most fortunate in securing another of our missionaries from India, Miss Ashley, who

has for some months past filled the position most acceptably.

Managers: Mrs. C. G. Hammond, Chicago; Mrs. C. H. Case, Chicago; Mrs. H. E. Baker, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. A. E. Nutt, Glencoe, Ill.; Mrs. L. H. Boutell, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. E. S. Chesbrough, Chicago; Mrs. J. F. Temple, Chicago; Mrs. Robert Hill, Chicago; Mrs. L. C. Purington, Chicago; Mrs. J. C. Newcomb, Chicago; Mrs. D. Vernon, Chicago; Mrs. J. H. Phillips, Chicago.

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And now we would gladly present the name of our efficient and honored Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Bradley; but with sadness we are compelled—by reason of her continued ill-health—to accept her resignation of this office. In her place, temporarily, we recommend our loved and faithful Secretary, Miss Mary E. Greene. We are aware that we are asking too much of her, that she do double duty, and we therefore urge the Executive Committee of this organization to immediate action and effort in securing the services of one who shall relieve her of this office, and take up the service of love, with vigor of body and a willing heart.

Auditor, Rev. G. S. F. Savage, one who has for several years occupied this place among this sisterhood of officers expressing toward each one, as he does toward every one who knows him, a genuine kindliness of heart and cordial

Christian courtesy, esteeming it an honor to be thus the sole male representative among them.

MRS. ARTHUR LITTLE.

MRS. L. KASSICK.

MISS S. POLLOCK.

MRS. G. F. MAGOUN.

MRS. MARSHALL.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Withey, of Grand Rapids, Mich., made a motion to recommend to the Publication Committee that the "Ten Years' Review," by Mrs. Humphrey, be published in some form for circulation. After remarks by Mrs. Case upon the great value of the paper, and the importance of its being widely circulated, the motion was carried.

[The paper has been published in pamphlet form, and is for sale at the Mission-room.]

A discussion of the question, "How to Perpetuate Missionary Interest in the Churches," was opened by Mrs. Magoun, who thought it a most marvelous thing that there should be a Christian woman not interested in Missions. If every member of the societies would attend the meetings and try to bring some one else, the interest would widen and deepen.

Miss Porter made an appeal for a home for missionary children at the West, similar to the one at Auburndale, Mass., and hoped that some woman called of God would undertake the work. "What could be pleasanter," she asked, "than to provide a home for those children who must be separated from their parents, and what would be more likely to awaken in any community an interest in Missions, than the presence of missionary children among them?"

Mrs. Newcomb, of Chicago, said that, in order to "perpetuate" an interest, which means to carry it on to end-

less duration, we must build on a rock stronger than mere feeling. We must have a greater love for God, a more earnest devotion to His service.

Miss Pollock spoke of the enduring impressions made in childhood and the importance of early training, quoting the remark of a Scotch minister who said, "The mind is like a barrel; what goes into it first, comes out last."

Mrs. Humphrey referred to the need of patience in training the children to systematic giving, but thought that it paid to take pains for the children.

Mrs. Fairfield believed in special providence; the Lord will always go before and prepare the way for the success of our efforts.

Mrs. Little remarked that no one could perpetuate a characteristic which she did not herself possess. If there is a woman not interested in Missions, let her pray for a missionary spirit, that she may inspire her children with it.

Mrs. Orton thought that children should be trained to obedience to God's commands, and to feel the same obligation as was laid upon both old and young among the Jews, to make offerings to the Lord.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of the *Advance*, spoke of the importance of introducing the subject of Missions into the Sunday schools, and thought no association could do this work so well as the Woman's Board.

Upon motion of Mrs. Eddy, a committee was appointed by the Chair to consider the relation of Woman's Boards to the cultivation of missionary interest among the children, and to suggest plans and methods of work to the churches and auxiliaries. The committee were as follows: Mrs. Magoun, of Iowa; Mrs. Baird, of Chicago; Mrs. Eddy, of Michigan; Mrs. Browning, of Ohio; Miss Pollock, of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Thayer, formerly of Turkey, read an exceedingly interesting paper, giving a vivid description of the home life of Turkish women.

Miss Brace, of Janesville, Wis., offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our grateful thanks be tendered to the ladies of Kalamazoo for their cordial and graceful hospitality; to the Committee of Arrangements for their abundant and successful labors; to the First Congregational Church and its Pastor, for welcoming us to their house of worship; to the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, for inviting us to their church-homes; to the choir and those who have led our music; to the press for their reports of the meetings, and to the railroads that have granted a reduction of fares.

This resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Smith, in her tender parting words, exhorted all present to "keep saying something" about woman's missionary work. She was loath to close the meeting, but the duties of life called and we must go.

In the work of completing the wonderful mosaic pictures of the Old World, many little bits of glass are used, too small to be seen with the naked eye. A careless observer might think them of no consequence, but they are all important in the shading and blending of the wonderfully rich tints of the picture. Woman's work is largely composed of seemingly unimportant things; but upon the careful, conscientious performance of each little duty depends the perfection of the picture of her life-work. Let us see that each tiny bit is in its place, that the shading may be pleasing to the Master's eye.

After the singing of the doxology, Mrs. Smith led in the closing prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A children's meeting was held, when Indian, Chinese and Turkish costumes were exhibited and interesting addresses were made by Miss Pollock and Miss Porter.

After this meeting, a pleasant social gathering at the hospitable home of Mrs. D. B. Merrill formed a fitting conclusion to this delightful meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

Abstract of Reports of State Branches.

Illinois Branch.—Mrs. H. W. Taylor, Secretary. The Northern Illinois Branch was organized May, 1877. The first annual meeting was held at Aurora, February, 1878. A committee was appointed at this meeting to confer with ladies from Southern Illinois, at Galesburg, in May, during the meetings of State Association, in regard to organizing a Southern Branch, or uniting with the northern part of the State in one State Branch. It was decided to unite the whole State under one organization. There are twelve local associations in the State, and about one hundred Auxiliaries. In several associations efforts have been made to promote acquaintance among the different societies, and to stimulate each other to good works. Many new Auxiliaries have been formed; a new interest is also awakened in forming juvenile societies. The ladies of Illinois express themselves as decidedly favorable to State Branches, although they hesitated long in organizing. The next annual meeting occurs at Princeton, the second week in February, 1879.

Michigan Branch.—Mrs. Mary H. Bruske, Secretary. At the annual meeting, held in East Saginaw, in May, 1878, 11 new Auxiliaries and 9 Bands were reported. Making

allowance for those that had become extinct, there were 106 Auxiliaries and 30 Mission Bands or contributing Sabbath schools. Amount of receipts during the year, \$4,092.22, of which \$393.98 were contributed by the children. During the year, a deeper and more abiding interest in the cause has been developed, and women are awakening to a desire for knowledge concerning missionaries and their work. *Life and Light* is read with added interest each year; there are 399 copies scattered throughout the State. In addition to former work, two schools have been adopted; one among the Indians at Fort Berthold, and the other at Dindigul, India. This is the result of discussions at different meetings of methods of interesting children in missionary work.

Wisconsin Branch.—Mrs. R. Coburn, Secretary. In the 196 Congregational Churches of the State, there are 56 Auxiliaries, contributing during the year nearly \$1,500. There is a District Secretary in each of the nine conventions. In the larger conventions there are two Secretaries. Several new societies have been organized, some of them as the result of Miss Van Duzee's faithful visiting. She did much good in the State.

There are a few Mission Bands in the State that are doing well. The funds of Auxiliaries are donated to various objects, among which are the following: Salaries of Miss Taylor, Miss Calhoun and Miss Porter; schools at Peking, Manisa, Samokov and Harpoot; Bible-readers in Cesarea, Madura and Bogue Station, Dakota. The main reliance for missionary intelligence is upon *Life and Light*, which is taken by the societies generally. Twelve women have gone from the State as missionaries to the heathen.

Ohio Branch.—Miss E. E. Metcalf, Secretary. In the sixth year of its organization, this branch numbers 180

Auxiliaries and over 8,000 members, representing more than one-fifth of the female membership of the churches. Besides 20 Mission Bands, several Sunday schools send contributions to the treasury. Receipts for the year, \$3,538. The Branch has assumed the support of 5 missionaries, 5 Bible-readers and 10 pupils in Mission schools. *Life and Light* seems to meet the wants of the societies more nearly than ever before. The circulation of the *Well Spring* and *Missionary Echoes* ought to be increased. In 11 Conferences, Women's Missionary Meetings are held in connection with local conference meetings. These meetings are of great value.

Nebraska Branch.—Mrs. M. A. Farwell, Secretary, reported progress, though not as marked as could be desired. More are beginning to feel that "the field is the world." An Auxiliary has been organized at Omaha, with promise of success.

Indiana Branch.—Mrs. J. C. Haddock, Secretary. One new society has been organized during the year, making the number of Auxiliaries nine. Some of these societies encounter many discouragements, and even opposition, but continue to meet regularly, notwithstanding. Amount contributed during the year, about \$250.

Minnesota Branch.—Mrs. A. Morse, Secretary. One sign of promise appears in the increasing number of juvenile organizations; another is found in the Auxiliary sustained among the young lady pupils of Carleton College. The opportunity of exchanging missionary letters and papers through the office at Chicago supplies a want which has long been felt. Most of the societies have sustained regular meetings. Some of them have been interested and stimulated by addresses from missionaries, among them Mrs. Wheeler, whose winning Christian words will long be held in remembrance.

Dakota.—Mrs. Joseph Ward, Secretary, reports an average attendance of twelve at the monthly meetings at Yankton, and forty-two copies of *Life and Light* taken. There has been a falling-off of contributions during the year; but as this is the result of reduced incomes, instead of reduced hearts, the outlook is still re-assuring.



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- Galesburg*—Phillergian Society.
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Denver—Sunday School.

DAKOTA.

Yankton—Willing Hearts.

ILLINOIS.

Alton—Cheerful Givers.
Amboy—Sunday School.
Aurora—Pearl Gatherers.
Bunker Hill—Cheerful Givers.
Chicago—Kohar Band.
Chicago—Workers for Jesus.
Chicago—Lincoln Park Church Mission Band.
Chicago—Busy Gleaners.
Danvers—Rosebud Mission Circle.
Evanston—Sunday School.
Evanston—Infant Sunday-School Class.
Granville—Girls' Mission Band.
Griggsville—Sunday School.
Lombard—Sunday School.
Lombard—Heart and Hand Society.
Lyonsville—Girl's Mission Band.
Malden—Sunday-School Class.
Maywood—Union Sunday School.
Naperville—Willing Workers.
Ontario—Sunday School.
Ontario—Girls' Mission Circle.
Port Byron—Sunday-School Missionary Society.
Ravenwood—Shining Lights.
Rockford—Lamplighters.
Springfield—"Jennie Chapin Helpers."
Toulon—Miss Wright's Sunday-School Class.

Watauga—Sunday School.
Waverly—Earnest Workers.
Woodburn—Mission Circle.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis—Mission Band.
Michigan City—Grains of Sand.

IOWA.

Anamosa—Penny Gatherers.
Bowen's Prairie—Sunday School.
Burlington—Little Workers.
Chester Center—Little Helpers.
Davenport—"Sunbeams."
Davenport—"Wide Awake."
Des Moines—Plymouth Church Sunday School.
Des Moines—Prairie Chickens.
Durant—Golden Rule Society.
Durant—Sunday School.
Glenwood—Sunday School.
Green Mountain—Helpers.
Grinnell—Mite Gatherers.
Grinnell—Sunday-School Class.
Keokuk—Juvenile Society.
Muscatine—Seeds of Mercy.
Ogden—Busy Bees.
Polk City—Buds of Promise.
Sibley—"Helpers."
Waterloo—Mayflower Mission Circle.
Wilton—Little Gleaners.

MICHIGAN.

Almont—Sunday School.
Ann Arbor—Mission Circle.
Armada—Sunday School.
Calumet—Busy Bees.
Charlotte—Helping Hands.
Detroit—Sunbeam Band.

Detroit—Hopeful Workers.
Detroit—First Church Sunday School.
Detroit—Mrs. Andrew's Sunday-School Class.
East Saginaw—Faithful Workers.
Greenville—Cheerful Tillers.
Jackson—Willing Workers.
Litchfield—"Shining Lights."
Marshall—Sunday School.
Memphis—Busy Bees.
Morenci—Busy Workers.
New Baltimore—Mission Band.
Owosso—Ready Helpers.
Portland—Cheerful Workers.
Pontiac—Willing Workers.
Pontiac—Cheerful Givers.
Pontiac—Primary Department of Sunday School.
Rochester—Sunday School.
Royal Oak—Sunday School.
Utica—Busy Gleaners.
Utica—Sunday School.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis—Plymouth Church, Children's Mission Band.
Minneapolis—Plymouth Church, Sunday School.
Minneapolis—First Church, Helping Hands.
Rochester—Missionary Workers.

MISSOURI.

Memphis—Gleaners.
St. Louis—Ready Hands.
St. Louis—Pilgrim Workers.
St. Louis—Sheaf-Bearers.
Windsor—Merry Workers.

NEBRASKA.

Lincoln—Sunday School.
Weeping Water—Sunday School.

OHIO.

Atwater—Children's Mission Circle.
Berlin Heights—
Cincinnati—Willing Workers.
Cornersville—Little Helpers.
Cornersville—Sunday School.
Cortland—Mission Band.
Elyria—Sunday School.
Ironton—Cheerful Givers.
Lyme—Mission Band.
North Amherst—Willing Workers.
Paddy's Run—Willing Helpers.
Ravenna—Seek and Save Society.
Sandusky—Missionary Helpers.
Springfield—Mission Band.
Steuenville—The Young Missionary.
Talmadge—Cheerful Workers.
Toledo—Washington Street Church Primary Class.
Wellington—Mite Gleaners.
West Williamsfield—Seek and Relieve Society.

WISCONSIN.

Beloit—Sunday School.
Eau Claire—Helpers.
Fort Atkinson—Faithful Band.
Gay's Mills—Sunday School.
Green Bay—Sunday School.
Lancaster—Shining Lights.
Milwaukee—Spring St. Church Mission Band.
New Lisbon—Mission Circle.
Warren—Mission Circle.
Waukesha—Sunday School.
Whitewater—Willing Workers.
Wilton—Mission Band.

NEW YORK.

New York—Silent Workers of Olivet Chapel.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE W. B. M. I.

ARTICLE 1. The object of this Society is to engage the earnest, systematic co-operation of Christian women in sending out and supporting Female Missionaries, Native Teachers and Bible-readers to heathen women, through the agency of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

ART. 2. The name of this Society shall be The Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

ART. 3. At any regular meeting of this Board, the officers of this Board, and also the President and Secretary of each State Branch, shall *ex officio* be entitled to vote. Each Auxiliary shall be entitled to one delegate at the Annual Meeting. Any Auxiliary having fifty members and contributing one hundred dollars shall be entitled to a second delegate. Any Auxiliary contributing three hundred dollars or more shall be entitled to a third delegate. Only such delegates as are personally present and duly accredited by the Auxiliaries which they represent shall be entitled to vote.

ART. 4. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice Presidents, State Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretaries, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and twelve Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 5. The Secretaries and Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. shall constitute an Advisory Board, and all Missionary candidates shall be referred to them

for approval before appointment by this Board. Missionaries supported by this Board will be expected to make frequent reports to its Corresponding Secretaries.

ART. 6. The Executive Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings, due notice of which shall be sent to each officer of the Committee by the Recording Secretary. There shall be an annual meeting of this Board, at which reports from the Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auxiliary Societies shall be presented, officers elected, and other business transacted.

ART. 7. Any number of ladies, contributing annually, may form a Society Auxiliary to the W. B. M. I.

ART. 8. Any number of Societies auxiliary to this Board may unite to form a Branch, in any State or district where it is desirable to do so, for the most efficient carrying-out of the object of this Board.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting of this Board, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

ART. 10. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacancies, and make all necessary By-Laws.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for. She shall call special meetings at the request of two members, and shall be, *ex officio*, a member of all Standing Committees.

2. The First Vice President shall, in the absence of President, perform all the duties of her office.

3. To the State Secretaries shall be committed the oversight of the work in their respective States. Each shall be expected to do her utmost to organize and assist Auxiliary Societies within the limits of her own State, and to make quarterly reports to the Home Secretary.

4. The Corresponding Secretaries shall attend to the home and foreign correspondence.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and present the same at its meetings, take charge of the records and papers, and prepare a report for the annual meeting. She shall also give proper notice of special and stated meetings.

6. The Treasurer is to receive and acknowledge all funds paid to the Board, and make such disposition of them as the Executive Committee shall direct. She shall present a written statement, each month, of the receipts and disbursements of the month to the Executive Committee, also an annual report, duly audited, to the Board.

7. The financial year shall close on the 15th of October.

8. The Executive Committee shall appoint, annually, the following Standing Committees, viz.: On Publication, on Nomination, and on Public Meetings.

The Corresponding Secretaries shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Committee on Publication; and the Recording Secretary, of the Committee on Nomination.

The Committee on Publication shall have charge of the printing, and no document shall be published until examined and approved by them.

The Committee on Nomination shall recommend suitable persons to fill all vacancies in the Board.

The Committee on Public Meetings shall make arrangements for all public occasions, and provide speakers.



CONSTITUTION FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

AUXILIARY TO

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be the promotion of a missionary spirit, and the collection of money to send the Gospel to heathen women.

ART. 3. The officers of this Society, chosen annually, shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Committee on *Life and Light*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; to secure missionary letters, or other suitable material for giving interest to the meetings, and to have general oversight of the work. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. The Secretary shall keep a careful record, and present a report at each meeting; shall attend to the correspondence, and present an annual report. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys intrusted to her, and once a quarter forward the amount to the Treasurer of the State Branch, or to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Interior.

The Committee on *Life and Light* shall keep a list of all subscribers to the magazine, endeavor to add to the number, and forward subscriptions to the office of publication.

ART. 5. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of cents per week.

ESTIMATES OF THE W. B. M. I., FOR FOREIGN WORK.

From November, 1877, to November, 1878.

ZULU MISSION.

Amanzimtote Station.

Salary of Miss Laura A. Day.....\$472 50

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Salary of Miss Mary E. Pinkerton... 472 50
 _____ \$ 945 00

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

Samokov Station.

Salary of Miss E. T. Maltbie.....\$400 00

Boarding School..... 600 00

Two Bible Women..... 70 00

Monastir Station.

Day School..... 115 15
 _____ \$1,185 15

WESTERN TURKEY.

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Salary of Miss M. M. Patrick.....\$462 00

Salary of Miss Lella C. Parsons..... 346 50

Bible-reader and Pupil at Bardesag... 80 00

Cesarea Station.

Bible-reader at Yozgat..... 48 00

Bible-reader at Talas.:..... 63 00

Bible-reader at Everek..... 48 00

Girls' School at Gemerek..... 31 50

Girls' School at Zingerdere..... 15 00

Girls' School at Everek..... 15 00

Manisa Station.

Girls' Boarding-School, Aid to Pupils 400 00

Teachers 475 00

Rent of Building..... 375 00

Fuel, Service, etc..... 120 00

Girls' School at Thyatira..... 45 00

Girls' School at Afion Kara Hissar... 188 60
 _____ \$2,662 60

CENTRAL TURKEY.

Aintab Station.

Salary of Miss Mary G. Hollister.....\$358 00

Salary of Miss Corinna Shattuck..... 358 00

Marash Station.

Salary of Mrs. J. L. Coffing..... 358 00

Salary of Miss C. D. Spencer..... 358 00

Tours of Missionaries and Native

Helpers..... 150 00

Girls' Boarding-School..... 480 00

Building, Wash-house, Wood-shed,

Stable..... 300 00

Repairs..... 25 00

Out Stations, Teachers:

Albustan..... 20 00

Zeitoun 30 00

Hadjin..... 60 00

Fundajak 25 00

Sis..... 30 00

Yere Bakan..... 30 00

Bible-readers:

Gourkeny..... 30 00

Shar 66 00

Zeitoun 20 00

Lower Hadjin 30 00

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Salary of Miss C. O. Van Duzee.....\$346 50

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Girls' School..... 121 00

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Girls' School..... 73 50

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Salary of Miss H. A. Hills.....\$525 00

Two Bible-readers..... 41 00

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Two Bible-readers..... 38 00

\$ 604 00

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Peking Station.

Salary of Miss Mary H. Porter... ..\$472 50

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Repairs..... 25 00

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Kobe Station.

Salary of Miss J. E. Dudley.....\$520 00

Miss Dudley's teacher in language... 80 00

Miss Dudley's health tour..... 30 00

Salary of Miss Barrows..... 520 00

Miss Barrows' teacher in language... 80 00

Miss Barrows' health tour..... 80 00

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Salary of Miss H. F. Parmelee..... 520 00

Miss Parmelee's teacher in language. 80 00

Miss Parmelee's health tour..... 30 00

\$2,810 00

DAKOTA MISSION.

Bogue Station.

Salary of Miss M. C. Collins.....	\$360 00
Sewing schools	200 00

Ft. Berthold Station.

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School expenses	100 00
	—————\$1,010 00
Aid to Children of Missionaries.....	\$500 00
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Miss Ella J. Newton.....	1878	Foochow.....	South China.....	Oberlin, Ohio.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }
GEORGE H. HARLOW, *Secretary of State.*

To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS, a certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1872, for the organization of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act concerning Corporations, approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand, and cause to be affixed Great Seal of State.

Done at the City of Springfield this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-eighth.

GEORGE H. HARLOW, *Secretary of State*

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